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1. AFTER A DAY OF INTENSE BEHIND-THE SCENES NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WERE CAPPED BY A 45-MINUTE MEETING BETWEEN JUSTICE PARTY (JP) CHAIRMAN DEMIREL AND NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) CHAIRMAN ERBAKAN EARLY EVENING JULY 19, THE FINAL OBSTACLES TO THE FORMATION OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT AMONG THE JP, NSP AND NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP) WERE REMOVED. AFTER THE UNCLASSIFIED

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MEETING, DEMIREL ANNOUNCED THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED, THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH PRESIDENT KORUTURK LATE MORNING JULY 20 TO DISCUSS THE FRAMEWORK OF THE AGREEMENT, AND THAT LATER IN THE DAY HE EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT THE LIST OF CABINET MINISTERS TO THE PRESIDENT.

2. IN TALKING TO REPORTERS, BOTH DEMIREL AND ERBAKAN REFUSED

TO BE DRAWN INTO DISCUSSIONS OF POTENTIAL PROBLEMS WITHIN THE COALITION. ERBAKAN EXPLAINED THAT "COALITION MEANS COM-PROMISE. ALL PARTIES COMPROMISED AS MUCH AS THEY COULD SO THAT THE COUNTRY WOULD NOT BE LEFT WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT." ASKED WHETHER THE COALITION PARTIES WERE IN AGREEMENT ON FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS, ERBAKAN SAID THESE ISSUES WERE DEALT WITH IN THE COALITION PROTOCOL. ON THE QUESTION OF CYPRUS, HE ELABORATED BY SAYING THAT THE COALITION PARTNERS AGREED THAT A FEDERAL STATE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED ON CYPRUS AND THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT RIGHTS SHOULD NOT BE COMPROMISED BY THE FORMATION OF THAT STATE. HE SAID THAT IF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS CONTINUED TO BE INTRANSIGENT, HOWEVER, THE COALITION PARTNERS HAD AGREED THAT THEY WOULD DISCUSS THE SITUATION AGAIN AND THEY RESERVED THE RIGHT UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES FOR THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO MAKE A UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE (SHICE ERBAKAN HAS LONG SUPPORTED).

3. IF, AS DEMIREL ANTICIPATES, THE CABINET LIST IS PRESENTED TO AND APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT JULY 20, A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 12 DAYS. SPIERS

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